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SUBJECT: USSR: SWINE DISEASE OUTBREAK IN MOLDAVIA & UKRAINE

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TOFAS 241, FASTO 158

1. WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONFUSED BY CONTENTS AND UNTIMELINESS
FASTO 158. PERHAPS A REVIEW OF REF CABLES WOULD BE USEFUL.

2. INITIAL RUMORS CONCERNING SWINE DISEASE OUTBREAK IN
SOUTHERN UKRAINE AND MOLDAVIA WERE FIRST RECEIVED BY AGATT
OFFICE THE LAST HALF OF APRIL. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NOTHING
CONCERNING THE DISEASE SITUATION HAS APPEARED IN THE SOVIET
PRESS. IF ANY ITEM HAS APPEARED IN THE WESTERN PRESS IT,
NO DOUBT, IS ALSO BASED ON THE SAME RUMORS WHICH WE HAVE
ALREADY REPORTED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS.

3. AT THE TIME OF THE REJECTION OF ANLAUF'S TRAVEL (FOUR
TIMES) TO MOLDAVIA AND ODESSA, IT WAS ASSUMED THE
REASON WAS SOLELY THAT OF SOVIET MILITARY MANEUVERS
IN THAT AREA. HOWEVER, WE NOW BELIEVE THE PRIMARY
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CAUSE FOR REJECTION WAS THE PRESENCE OF SWINE DISEASE(S)
WHICH THE SOVIETS DID NOT WISH US TO VIEW AND REPORT.

4. AT THAT TIME, EFFORTS WERE MADE BY AGATT OFFICE,
VIA PHONE CALLS AND CONVERSATIONS, TO INVESTIGATE THE
RUMORS WITH MIN.AG. OFFICIALS, BUT NO SATISFACTORY RE-
SULTS WERE OBTAINED. AG. ATTACHE WROTE TO DEP. MIN.

RUNOV ON MAY 17 REQUESTING INFORMATION ON SWINE DISEASE
OUTBREAK. TO DATE NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

5. AS INDICATED IN REF CABLES AND TOFAS, THE DISEASE
COULD BE SPREADING TO THE NOTH. WE BELIEVE THE SOVIETS
ARE COMBATING THE OUTBREAK WITH A PROGRAM COMBINING
SLAUGHTER OF INFECTED ANIMALS, VACCINATIONS OF HEALTHY
ANIMALS AND QUARANTINE OF THE AFFECTED AREAS. FROM THE
ACCOUNTS WE HAVE RECEIVED, WE WOULD GUESS THE MOST PRO-
BABLE DISEASE(S) ARE EITHER FOOT AND MOUTH OR CHOLERA AND,
FROM THE DESCRIPTIONS WE'VE RECEIVED, MOST LIKELY HOG
CHOLERA.

6. OFFICIAL REQUESTS WERE MADE TODAY (VIA PHONE AND LETTER)
TO USSR SECRETARIAT, MIN.AG., FOR APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS
DISEASE SITUATION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS BY
END OF NEXT WEEK.

7. IF WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING APPOINTMENT,
QUESTIONS RAISED FASTO 158, TOGETHER WITH OUR
OWN, WILL BE ASKED-- AND RESULTS, IF ANY, REPORTED
AT THAT TIME.
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